

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR )</b>	<b>)</b>	<b>ORDER APPROVING FIRST</b>
<b>APPROVAL OF FIRST AND SECOND )</b>	<b>)</b>	<b>AND SECOND</b>
<b>AMENDMENTS TO AN INTERCONNECTION )</b>	<b>)</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS TO</b>
<b>AGREEMENT BETWEEN MCLEODUSA )</b>	<b>)</b>	<b>AGREEMENT</b>
<b>TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC. )</b>	<b>)</b>	
<b>AND QWEST CORPORATION )</b>	<b>)</b>	<b>TC00-107</b>

On July 3, 2000, Qwest Corporation (Qwest), fka U S WEST Communications, Inc. filed for approval by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) first and second amendments to an interconnection agreement between McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. (McLeod) and Qwest. The first amendment adds terms, conditions and rates with regard to unbundled network elements and the second amendment adds reciprocal compensation language to the original agreement.

On July 6, 2000, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing of the first and second amendments to interested individuals and entities. The notice stated that any person wishing to comment on the parties' request for approval had until July 24, 2000, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its duly noticed September 26, 2000, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated first and second amendments to the agreement between Qwest and McLeod. Commission Staff recommended its approval.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, and the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. In accordance with 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2), the Commission found that the first and second amendments do not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the first and second amendments and the first and second amendments are consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the first and second amendments to the agreement. It is therefore

**ORDERED**, that the Commission approves the negotiated first and second amendments to the agreement as described herein.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 29th day of September, 2000.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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(OFFICIAL SEAL)

**BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:**

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JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

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PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner